SAHI): (a) and (b) There is no Centrally Sponsored Irrigation Project which has been completed during the last three years or abandoned.

Request from Indian Rubber Growers Association, Cochin for increase in reference price of Natural Rubber

750. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Indian Rubber Growers Association, Cochin with regard to increase in the reference price of natural rubber; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Government have received a representation dated 29th January, 1988 from the Indian Rubber Growers Association. In this representation among other things one of the request is for enhancement of the procurement price for Rubber.

(b) The Government is already operating a buffer stocking scheme through STC to ensure remunerative returns to the growers while simultaneously ensuring steady supply of rubber to users at reasonable prices. The release price has been fixed based on the recommendations of the Cost Accounts Branch of the Ministry of Finance

Plan assistance to Kerala State

751. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government had taken advance Plan assistance from the Centre in the financial year, 1985-86 and 1986-87 or made any adjustments to this end; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) A statement is laid.

Statement

The following assistance has been allocated to the Government of Kerala during 1985-86 *and* 1986-87.

(Rs. in crores)

	1985-86	1986-87
A. *Central assistance*		
I. Normal assistance	157.62 (157.62)	193.52 (193.43)
II. Advance Plan assistance	100.00 (100.00)	75.00 (75.00)
Total (I) & (II)	257.62 (257.62)	268.52 (268.43)
B. Adjustment of Advance Plan assistance including drought relief assistance	3.60	28.60
Net Central assistance	254.02 (254.02)	239.92 (239.83)

NOTE : Figures in brackets indicate actual releases made to the State Government.